

REMARKS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-6 are pending in this application. Claim 2 is canceled.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Suda (U.S. Patent 6,718,240) in view of Hsu (U.S. Patent 6,100,811) and Flick (U.S. Patent 6,140,939). However, the present claims now recite "attesting to a match between the personal authentication information and personal ID transmitted in the transmission step and the personal authentication information and the personal ID stored in the storing step." (Claims 1 and 6) By matching the authenticated personal authentication information and personal ID from the vehicle remote to the stored registration information on the user, the present invention attests to the fact that the user is allowed access to the vehicle. Applicants respectfully assert that Suda, Hsu, and Flick do not disclose an analogous attestation means as required in the present claims. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Suda, Hsu, and Flick fail to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's

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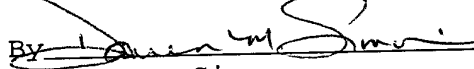
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attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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